New hill and mountain forecasts from the Met Office

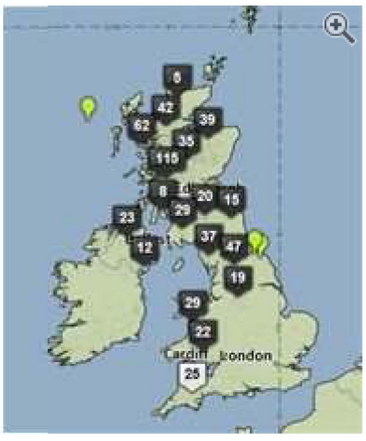
14 December 2012 - Met Office forecasts are now available for hill and mountain summit locations across the UK, providing an accurate and extensive range of weather forecasts to walkers and climbers.

The new summit forecasts, for over 500 hills and mountains in the UK, take into account the very different types of weather you are likely to experience at these locations helping walkers, ramblers and climbers plan their trip, walk or expedition.

The tailored information provides forecast information on weather, wind, temperature and visibility in easy to read symbols, with additional information on feels like temperature, humidity, UV index and the chance of rain out to five days ahead.

Unique to the Met Office the summit forecasts also provide easy access to severe weather warnings that may be in force, helping walkers prepare, plan and protect themselves from the impacts of potentially severe weather.

Derrick Ryall, Head of the Met Office Public Weather Service said: "Mountains can be inhospitable and dangerous places for the ill-prepared. From one hour to the next, from one hill to the next, they can exhibit a dramatic variation in weather conditions. These local and accurate forecasts from the Met Office allow walkers and climbers to be more weather aware and better prepared for the conditions that can be experienced in the hills and mountains of the British Isles."



Map showing the locations of over 500 hill and mountain summit forecasts now available from the leisure section of our web site

The hill and mountain summit forecasts are an addition to the range of forecasts and advice that we provide to walkers and climbers including:

- **mountain area forecasts**
- **smart phone apps**
- **mountain safety videos**

The Met Office is exhibiting at The Outdoors Show at the ExCel Centre in London from 17 - 20 January 2013. Met Office staff will be on hand to demonstrate the latest innovations in its smart phone weather apps, explain the new forecasts for mountain summits and other Met Office services for leisure users.

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